

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 7 are cancelled without prejudice.

- 5 8. (newly added) A system of sealing a flexible joint in an enclosure for a bath with surrounding vertical walls; wherein in prior art, the flexible joint between the enclosure and the walls is sealed with an exposed caulk against water penetration, the system comprising:
- 10 (a) an elongated ceramic trim that replaces the exposed caulk, has a glazed front-side and an unglazed backside, the front-side has a continuous S-shape curvature with a convex part joining the backside at an acute angle and a concave part joining the backside also at an acute angle;
- 15 (b) the backside having a flat surface with a plurality of recesses for holding an adhesive-sealant compound;
- 20 (c) the trim with the adhesive-sealant compound having been applied to the backside, affixed to the vertical wall with the concave portion positioned next to a horizontal edge of the enclosure for it to hide the adhesive-sealant compound from exposure to water and enabling the trim to channel water away from the flexible joint.
- 25 9. (newly added) The claim as in 8, the trim further comprising: the trim, has a left-side and a right-side that is flat at an angle of 90 degrees to the backside, enabling a plurality of trims to be joined at either side in a straight line.
10. (newly added) The claim as in 8, the trim further comprising: the trim has a left-side and a right-side that is beveled at an angle of 45 degrees to the back side, thereby enabling two trims to form a right angle corner when placed next to each other.

11. (newly added) The claim as in 8, the trim further comprising: the trim has a left-side and a right-side, one of these sides, beveled at an angle of 45 degrees to the backside, thereby enabling the beveled edge trim to be the end trim.

12. (newly added) The claim as in 8, where the trim is manufactured with a material other than the ceramic, but having similar water impervious and durability properties as the ceramic.

13. (newly added) A system for sealing a joint between a vertical wall that surrounds a bath tub type enclosure and a horizontally situated edge surface of the bath tub, against water flow penetration, the system comprising:

(a) an elongated trim, made of a rigid water impervious material, with a front-side and a back-side, the front-side having a top-front-side and a bottom-front-side and the back-side having a top-back-side and a bottom-back-side;

(b) the top-front-side having a convex curvature and the bottom-front-side having a concave curvature, wherein the convex and concave curvatures form a continuous S-shape curvature, wherein the top-front-side joining the top-back-side at an acute angle and the bottom-front-side joining the bottom-back-side also at an acute angle;

(c) the S-shape curvature along with the acute angles at the top and bottom ends of the trim is a channel for water flow that channels the falling water away from the trim into the tub.

14. (newly added) The system as in claim 13 further comprising:

(a) the top-back-side having a plurality of recesses for holding an adhesive-sealant compound, wherein the top-backside can be affixed to the vertical wall;

(b) the bottom-back-side having a recess for holding an adhesive-sealant compound, wherein the bottom-back-side can be affixed to the joint between the vertical wall and horizontally situated edge of the tub surfaces.